

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph at page 5, lines 1-14, as follows:

(Currently Amended) According to a first aspect of the present invention, there is provided a nonaqueous electrolyte, comprising:

a nonaqueous solvent containing ethylene carbonate (EC) , γ -butyrolactone (BL), and at least one ~~third solvent~~ selected from the group consisting of ethylene sulfite, phenylethylene carbonate, 2-methylfuran, furan, thiophene, catechol carbonate and vinyl ethylene carbonate as a third solvent, the EC content falling within a range of 20 to 50% by volume based on the total amount of the EC and the BL, and the BL content falling within a range of 40 to 80% by volume based on the total amount of the EC and the BL; and a solute dissolved in the nonaqueous solvent.

Please amend the paragraph at page 6, line 16, to page 7, line 8, as follows:

(Currently Amended) According to a third aspect of the present invention, there is provided a nonaqueous electrolyte secondary battery, comprising:

a case having a wall thickness not larger than 0.3 mm;

a positive electrode provided in the case;

a negative electrode provided in the case; and

a nonaqueous electrolyte which is provided in the case and comprises a nonaqueous solvent and a solute dissolved in the nonaqueous solvent, the nonaqueous solvent containing ethylene carbonate (EC), γ -butyrolactone (BL), and at least one ~~third solvent~~ selected from the group consisting of ethylene sulfite, phenylethylene carbonate, 2-methylfuran, furan, thiophene, catechol carbonate and vinyl ethylene carbonate as a third solvent, the EC content falling within a range of 20 to 50% by volume based on the total amount of the EC and the

BL, and the BL content falling within a range of 40 to 80% by volume based on the total amount of the EC and the BL.

Please amend the paragraph at page 7, line 9, to page 8, line 2, as follows:

(Currently Amended) Further, according to a fourth aspect of the present invention, there is provided a nonaqueous electrolyte secondary battery, comprising:

a case having a wall thickness not larger than 0.3 mm;

a positive electrode provided in the case;

a negative electrode provided in the case; and

a nonaqueous electrolyte layer which is arranged between the positive electrode and negative electrode and comprises a nonaqueous electrolyte and a polymer for gelling the nonaqueous electrolyte, the nonaqueous electrolyte comprising a nonaqueous solvent containing ethylene carbonate (EC), γ -butyrolactone (BL), and at least one ~~third-solvent~~ selected from the group consisting of ethylene sulfite, phenylethylene carbonate, 2-methylfuran, furan, thiophene, catechol carbonate and vinyl ethylene carbonate as a third solvent, the EC content falling within a range of 20 to 50% by volume based on the total amount of the EC and the BL, and the BL content falling within a range of 40 to 80% by volume based on the total amount of the EC and the BL.